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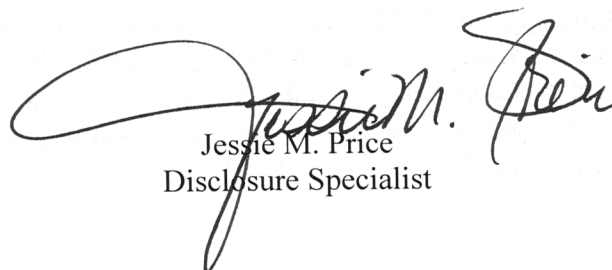
Dear Ms. Herrington:

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for access to information you believe is maintained by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). Specifically, copies of all documents mentioning deaths occurring from crimes that involved AR-15 rifles in 2012.

Please be advised that the information you have requested would only be available through a query of our Firearms Trace Database. The ATF 2010 Appropriation Bill prohibits ATF from expending appropriated funds to disclose to the public the contents or any portion thereof of any information maintained in the Firearms Trace Database or information required to be maintained by Federal Firearms Licensees. You have requested records that fall within this restriction. Therefore, your request is denied pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(3) and the Consolidated Appropriations Act, kept by licensees pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 923(g), or required to be reported pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 923(g)(3), (7). You have requested records that fall within this restriction. Therefore, your request is denied pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(3) and the Consolidated Appropriations Act, Public Law 111-117.

Insofar as your request has been denied, you have the right to request an Administrative Appeal based on the efficiency of the search. Such an appeal should be addressed to the Department of Justice, Office of Information Policy, 1425 New York Avenue, Suite 11050, Washington, DC 20530-0001. Your letter should state the reasons for believing the search by ATF was not adequate, and must be received within 60 days from the date of this letter, indicate that your appeal concerns ATF records, and include the "REFER TO" number that appears at the upper right of this letter.

Sincerely yours,



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